



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

April 2020

City of South Bend



CITY OF SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

Neighborhood Overview

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, *Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.*" - Mr. Rogers

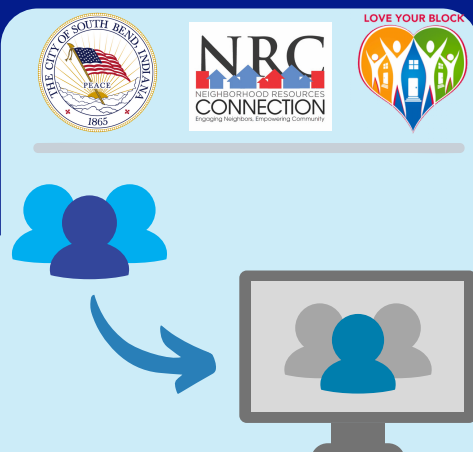
Neighborhood Meetings Summary

	CONCERNS	TECHNICAL NEEDS
Near West Side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Lead</u>: Presentation about Lead Protection Program<u>Census</u>: Presentation about Census updates and increasing the response rate in hard-to-count tracts	
Lincoln-Bendix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Safety/Security</u>: Shooting in neighborhood on 4/14<u>WiFi Implementation</u>: Creating plan to expand WiFi accessibility around Holy Trinity Episcopal Church using Act of Kindness grant (info on page 2)<u>Mask Drive</u>: Organizing distribution of 100 masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Gun Violence Initiative</u>: Interested in inviting speaker from GVI to a future meeting<u>Logo</u>: NRC assisting neighborhood with logo<u>WiFi Implementation</u>: Seeking discounted or free electrician to run wires for router

Other neighborhood meetings were canceled due to COVID-19 social distancing.

Online Neighborhood Meetings! Digital Communication Grants

Because of social distancing policies resulting from COVID-19, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program and Neighborhood Resources Connection have partnered to offer N.A.s a free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service from May 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. N.A.s can receive free technical assistance from COSB or NRC to set up this software. N.A.s can also apply to receive a free phone/tablet stand to record and livestream in-person meetings once social distancing rules expire. To apply, visit <https://engageandempower.wixsite.com/lybsb>.



1 Software

2 Training

3 Hardware

Want to learn more about

digital communication?

**Thursday
April 30
6:30 PM**

Join us for an online roundtable to learn how to use group digital media to host meetings and stay connected with neighbors.

Hosted by: Neighborhood Resources Connection, Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

To Join:



Online: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84519465228>
Meeting ID: 845 1946 5228

By phone (audio only): Call +1 312 626 6799, then enter the Meeting ID followed by the pound key (84519465228#)

More Resources

For You and Your Neighborhood

Acts of Kindness Grants

**Are you a helper in your community?
Do you want to become one?**

Apply for an Acts of Kindness Grant!

The City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering grants of \$250 - \$350 to neighbors and groups who are serving their community during this pandemic with creative projects like mask drives, grocery deliveries, and fundraisers. To learn more and apply by May 15th, visit <https://engageandempower.wixsite.com/lybsb>.

Census Updates



Self-response **ONLY**

Submit before **October 31**

Response Options:



Online: my2020census.gov



Phone: 844-330-2020



Mail*

*Forms will be sent out starting April 30



**NO door-to-door census takers
until at least mid-August**

Want more information about how you can help with the Census in your neighborhood?

Online

2020census.gov
southbendin.gov/census2020
censushardtcountmaps2020.us

Contact

Chris Dressel
cdressel@southbendin.gov

Lead Protection Program Grants

**Are you a homeowner or renter in a building built
before 1978?**

**Does a child under 6 years old live at or frequently visit
your residence?**

Do you make 80% or less of the area median income?

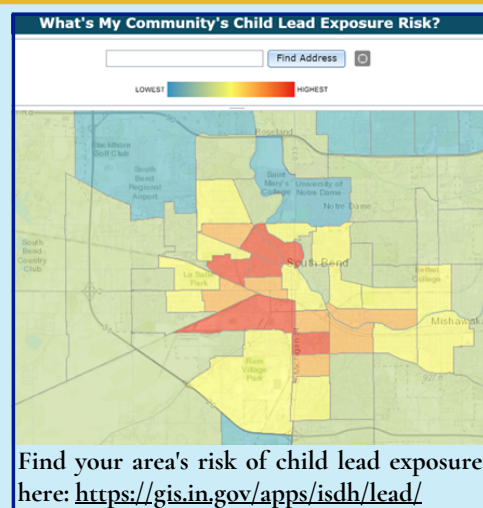
The City has grants for helping make homes with young children safe from lead paint at **no cost** to the homeowner.

Despite COVID-19, the City is still accepting applications for the grant program, although repairs won't begin unless it is deemed safe to do so. Applicants will have their household's income verified, and won't be enrolled into the program until both the application and any required supporting documentation are submitted.

Interested in applying?

**Interested in hosting a presentation about the program
at your next neighborhood association meeting?**

Contact Neil Mihalich at nmihalich@southbendin.gov or (574) 235-5826



Questions?

To contact a specific Neighborhood Association, or for more information about this report, please email the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at eee@southbendin.gov.

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